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Dear Sir:

The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment (with substitute specification).
- 2. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the specification submitted herewith for the specification on file in this application.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6, 13 and 22 as follows: 6. (Amended) The method according to claim 5 wherein a nucleotide-degrading enzyme is included during the primer extension reaction. Al +13. (Amended) The method according to claim 11 wherein said polymorphism is not present in a homopolymeric sequence and will not be preferentially amplified in any PCR-type reactions.-22. (Amended) The method according to claim 21 wherein a nucleotide-degrading enzyme is included during the primer extension reaction.